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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT EVALUATION

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1. WHILE WE CONCUR IN THE BASIC AGENDA SUBMITTED IN
REFTEL, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS
(WE HAVE CONFORMED TO THE POST'S NUMBERING OF AGENDA
ITEMS):

2. AGENDA ITEM B1 AND C APPEAR TO PROVIDE A GOOD OPPOR-
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TUNITY TO DEVELOP THE OPERATIONAL PLAN REQUESTED IN

STATE 116211. SINCE THE ULTIMATE SUCCESS OF THIS PLAN WILL REQUIRE THE COOPERATION OF ALL RTG MARINE ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES, WE SUGGEST THAT THAI MARINE POLICE OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE IN THIS PORTION OF THE EVALUATION.

3. IT WOULD APPEAR AS THOUGH AGENDA ITEMS B2 AND B3, ESPECIALLY THE LATTER, COULD BE EXPANDED TO CONSIDER A ROLE BY DEA PERSONNEL AND THE AID ADVISORS TO THE TNP. TO THIS END, REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE TWO GROUPS MIGHT BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT AGENDA ITEM C MIGHT BE EXPANDED TO

COVER CUSTOMS OPERATIONS ON THAILAND'S LAND BORDERS WITH BURMA AND MALAYSIA, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT ENVISION SPECIFIC U.S. SUPPORT IN THIS AREA. PERHAPS PARTICIPATION BY BPP ELEMENTS WOULD BE USEFUL IN THIS RESPECT.

5. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE COMMENTS, TEAM COMPOSITION RECOMMENDED IN REFTTEL MIGHT BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED GROUPS.

6. A CONTINUING CONCERN HERE IN WASHINGTON IS RTG HANDLING AND DISPOSITION OF SEIZED NARCOTICS. FOR THIS REASON WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CUSTOMS PHASE OF THE JOINT EVALUATION SERVE AS A PRELIMINARY VEHICLE FOR DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE. WE RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR SEIZED NARCOTICS RESTS PRIMARILY WITH THE MINISTRIES OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND FINANCE (EXCISE DEPARTMENT), RATHER THAN THE ACTUAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. YET, SINCE WE DO NOT HAVE A PROGRAM WITH THOSE RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES, IT WOULD APPEAR INAPPROPRIATE TO SUGGEST A SPECIAL EVALUATION ON THIS ISSUE. RAISING THIS ISSUE DURING EVALUATION OF THE DOC OR TNP WOULD SERVE TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS, BUT IT WOULD NOT HAVE THE SAME IMPACT AS ADDRESSING DIRECTLY THE AGENCIES WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY. THIS IS ESPECIALLY SO SINCE A PART OF OUR APPROACH ON HANDLING SEIZED NARCOTICS, BOTH OPIUM AND ITS DERIVATIVES, WOULD BE TO CONTINUE TO OFFER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSISTANCE IN PUTTING AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL FIRMS IN TOUCH WITH APPROPRIATE RTG DEPARTMENTS. HOW, THEN, DO WE RAISE THIS SUBJECT? DURING THE DOC AND/OR TNP PHASE OF THE EVALUATION? IF SO, HOW DO WE GET PUBLIC HEALTH AND EXCISE OFFICIALS TO SIT IN ON WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY AN EVALUATION OF ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES?

7. WE WELCOME THE POST'S THOUGHTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ON THE ABOVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS. KISSINGER

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